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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 20), for which a response was due on August 21, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 22, 2003 (September 21, 2003 was a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicants have, by way of the amendments and remarks presented herein addressed all issues that were raised in the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment has demonstrated there is no legal basis for the rejections and so that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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